

I am writing to urge you to reject NAB's petition 04-160 in that it is extremely anti-competitive. I subscribe to satellite radio because the local stations do not provide me with the level of service I desire. Only by introducing new competition can you force old competitors to increase their quality. Time and time again we've seen how protectionism of any group leads to stagnation, decreased quality and less choice for consumers. Satellite radio should be allowed to compete on both the national level and the local level which will cause local stations to improve their coverage which will ultimately lead to more people listening to radio. Since getting satellite radio I spend at least 50% more time listening to radio. If local stations stepped up to the plate, everyone would tune in more leading to increased revenues for both satellite radio and local stations.